

Troopers Arrest Student for Possession of a Firearm While in School – Bear

Newark – The Delaware State Police have arrested a 16-year-old male juvenile of Bear, on multiple weapons and drug charges, after it was determined that he was in possession of a firearm while in school.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:30 a.m., Monday, March 29, 2021, at Christiana High School, located at 190 Salem Church Rd., Newark, when the juvenile suspect was removed from the classroom for having an odor of marijuana. The juvenile was escorted to the office where school administrators recovered suspected marijuana on his person. After locating suspected marijuana, school administrators performed a search of the juvenile's backpack and located a loaded handgun. The School Resource Officer was immediately notified and took possession of the weapon and approximately 4 grams of marijuana. The School Resource Officer conducted a computer inquiry on the weapon and discovered it was stolen.

The juvenile was taken into custody without incident and transported to Troop 2 where he was charged with the following:

- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Juvenile (Felony)
- Possession of a Weapon and Controlled Substance by a Prohibited Juvenile (Felony)
- Receiving a Stolen Firearm (Felony)
- Possession of a Weapon in a Safe School Zone (Felony)
- Possession of Marijuana (civil)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (civil)

The juvenile was arraigned in Family Court and committed to the New Castle County Detention Center on \$51,000.00 secured bail.

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